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LETTER TO COMMISSION

To:

Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

From:

Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

Date:

May 29, 2013

Subject: **EUCLID AVENUE STREET END PROJECT.**

BACKGROUND

This item was previously discussed at the July 10, 2012 Finance and Citywide Projects Commission Committee and subsequently referred to the September 19, 2012 Land Use and Development meeting for further discussion.

At the Land Use and Development meeting, community members spoke in support of the project and the Committee requested the Administration provide an analysis of how other projects that are currently scheduled for future funding may be affected if the proposed Euclid Avenue Street End Project was not funded for FY 2012/13. This analysis was provided in the September 26, 2012 Euclid Avenue Street End Project Update letter to Commission.

The FY 2012/13 Capital Improvement Plan for 2012/13 through 2016/17 was approved at the September 27, 2012 RDA meeting however the Euclid Avenue Street End Project was requested to return to commission for additional discussion.

The City Commission requested a reevaluation of the priority of spending \$416,820 on this project against other needs (additional police, shade structures, pavers on Lincoln Lane, ongoing maintenance etc).

At the October 24th 2012 Commission meeting, referring to the results of the September 19, 2012 Land Use and Development meeting, the Commission voted to move the discussion of the Euclid Street End project to the full Commission with no recommendation, with a request for the information on all the projects on the capital projects list.

At the May 8, 2013 Commission meeting the Commission voted to refer the project to the May 13, 2013 Finance and Citywide Projects Commission meeting for further discussion.

At the May 13, 2013 Finance and Citywide Projects Commission Meeting the Committee requested a Letter to Commission on the item and a Resolution for the June 5, 2013 Commission meeting.

ANALYSIS

The funding source in the adopted FY 2012/13 capital budget for the Euclid Avenue Street End project is City Center Redevelopment District Funds (City Center RDA). Most of the future projects beyond FY 2012/13 related to Lincoln Road are not large capital projects and fall into

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the renewal & replacement/maintenance category, with the only large capital project being \$20 million for new lighting, pedestrian surfaces, street furnishings, milling/resurfacing and crosswalk enhancements of Lincoln Road over two years.

- Lincoln Road Landscaping FY 14 2013/14 \$150,000
- Lincoln Road Landscaping FY 15 2014/15 \$150,000
- Lincoln Road Landscaping FY 16 2015/16 \$150,000
- 400 Block Lincoln Road Site Improv Wing Future \$150,000
- Lincoln Road Washington Ave to Lenox Ave FY 2014/15 \$10,000,000, 2014/16 \$10,000,000

The Lincoln Road improvements will also include enhancements to the cross streets between from Washington Avenue to Lenox Avenue. As currently proposed, the Euclid Avenue Street End improvements do not conflict with any major capital enhancements affecting Lincoln Road, and takes advantage of a community supported public/private partnership in advance of projects such as the 16 Street Operational Improvements, the 17th Street Drexel and Pennsylvania Traffic New Signalization and the Lincoln Road Improvements from Washington Ave to Lenox Ave project.

A map that provides the status of all capital projects (Public Works and CIP) for the City Center RDA including Lincoln Road is attached to provide an overview of the stages of development / completion of projects in the area for comparison.

The change in property values in the City Center RDA will determine actual funding available, however since the Bass Museum Interior Expansion is programmed to be funded between FY 2013/14 and FY 2014/15 there is flexibility in meeting programmed funding needs in those years.

Projects (the majority of which may be affected by the Convention Center Development) reflected in the future (beyond FY 2016/17) but not programmed for funding include:

- Convention Center Lincoln Road Connecters \$10,000,000
- 17th Street Garage East Facade Retail \$2,500,000
- 17th Street North Improvements Pennsylvania Avenue to Washington Avenue \$2,000,000
- Preferred Lot Parking Garage \$70,000,000

Note: These projects are not included in the attached map.

Ongoing maintenance for the Euclid Avenue Street End Project after completion will be funded by Mr. Mel Schlesser. To address maintenance concerns of the proposed black and white striped sections within the project, these sections will have the colors imbedded\mixed into the concrete which will not require repeated painting to maintain a suitable appearance.

As per the FWCPC directive, a resolution approving the conceptual plan for the Euclid Avenue Street End improvements and further directing the City Manager to enter into negotiations with the developer for an agreement to design and build the project will be placed on the June 5, 2013 City Commission Agenda.

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